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# Letters of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Amleto G. Cicognani, D.D., Apostolic Delegate to the United States

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March 14, 1950.

Rev. Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.  
Holy Name College  
Washington 17, D.C.

Reverend and dear Father:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 5, 1950, and I am pleased to enclose my letter regarding "Marian Studies".

In the name of His Holiness I thank you for the resolution of the Mariological Society assuring loyalty and attachment to the Holy Father.

With sentiments of esteem and every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Laodicea  
Apostolic Delegate



3339 Massachusetts Avenue  
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April 9, 1950.

Reverend Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.  
President  
The Mariological Society  
Washington, D.C.

Reverend and dear Father:

It is a joy to salute these "Marian Studies", the first fruits of the "Mariological Society of America". Since this Society is composed of learned and pious priests, well known in intellectual and spiritual fields, there is a solid reason for expecting that select and rich fruits will mature in the warmth of their devotion to the great Mother of God.

Besides the literary fruits other fruits are expected, to illumine the mind regarding the prerogatives of Mary, to promote devotion to her and to intensify filial affection to the one who is truly our Mother.

It is fitting that such a society has been organized in a land consecrated to Mary and placed under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. The country's history testifies to the eagerness with which the faithful seek knowledge of the Blessed Virgin and to the earnestness with which they extol her virtues.

Vast, indeed, is the field that the Mariological Society has entered; suffice it to note that the dignity of Mary approaches as closely as it can the limits of the divine. In the Queen of Heaven there is fullness of grace, relationship with God, the divine maternity, preservation from every mark or shadow of guilt, heavenly wisdom, a super-abundance of virtue and heroism; and the tasks confided to her, co-redemptrix, mediatrix of grace, Mother of God, our Mother, refuge and salvation of humanity, are inspiring subjects for study and meditation.

The members of this Society certainly have many incentives to carry on their studies zealously and to develop their program thoroughly. It is their glory and joy to become part of that chorus of praise which the Archangel Gabriel began and which our Divine Lord Himself swelled at Cana and on Calvary. Since then "all generations have called her blessed". Likewise, from the beginning the best in art and literature have testified to her greatness. Back in the second century St. Irenaeus called Mary "Our Advocate" and her image appears among the frescoes of the Roman catacombs; the Virgin of the Catacombs of St. Priscilla in Via Salaria is well known.

Through the centuries the Vicars of Christ on Earth have emulated the Divine Master in their piety toward Mary. Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has consecrated the entire world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has exhorted Catholics everywhere to participate in this consecration by their own personal dedication to the Heart of Mary, and seizes every possible occasion to urge the faithful to recur to the maternal patronage of the Blessed Virgin.

The task of the Mariological Society is one of study and of love; its aim is doctrine and piety. In no small way its work will contribute to an increased understanding of the prerogatives of the Blessed Mother and to a deeper love and more intense devotion to her.

May God bless the apostolate of the Mariological Society of America.

With sentiments of esteem and with highest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "A. G. Cicognani". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Archbishop of Laodicea  
Apostolic Delegate